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1. CU/EE HAS DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLAR-SHIPS (BFS) THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY AND THE WARSAW-INDIANA RELATIONSHIP.

2. BFS IS PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGES UNDER FULBRIGHT-HAYS ACT INCLUDING REVIEW OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT (CU) AND FINAL SELECTION OF GRANTEES. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, THE BOARD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAINTAINING QUALITY OF PROGRAM AND INDICATED THAT IT SHOULD HAVE SOME INPUT IN SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS. BOARD IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT LEVEL OF STIPENDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SOME PARITY IN PROGRAM.

3. CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF

WARSAW CENTER SHOULD CONTINUE. WE BELIEVE SELECTION PROCEDURES SATISFACTORY TO INDIANA, DEPARTMENT AND BFS CAN BE

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ARRANGED LATER. DEPARTMENT URGES HOWEVER THAT WARSAW-

INDIANA AGREEMENT NOT BE SIGNED UNTIL WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY EXPLORE SELECTION PROCEDURES AND FINANCIAL TERMS WITH BFS AND INDIANA. FYI BFS AT THIS LATE DATE IS NOT QUESTIONING NOMINATION OF SHEEHAN AS CENTER'S FIRST DIRECTOR, BUT WOULD HOPE TO BE CONSULTED ON FUTURE NOMINATIONS. KISSINGER

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